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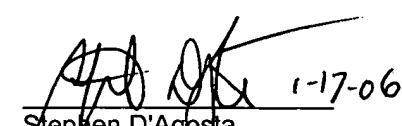
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Please find attached the signed IDS received 1-25-2005.

The examiner notes the following:

1. Initially, several pieces of art listed on the original IDS were unacknowledged since the examiner believed he was not provided with a translated abstract and/or a concise explanation of relevance [either on a separate piece of paper or incorporated into the specification, as per 37 CFR 1.98, 3(i)].
2. The IDS received 1-25-2005 states that "...The relevance of these patents is discussed on pages 1-3 of the present specification. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these...."
3. The examiner notes that the "relevance" discussed in the specification provides very little information as to the true interworkings of these foreign patents, hence the examiner's consideration is cursory at best. Therefore, it is the examiner's position that very little weight can be given to his signature on the IDS reflecting his consideration of these patents.


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